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HONGKONG, 4th FEBRUARY, 1904.

UNTIL the community of Hongkong have some better evidence of the intention of the British and Chinese Corporation to push on with the construction of the Kowloon-Canal line than mere vague newspaper assurance, we fear they will continue to feel uneasy as to the future. The danger to which the Colony is exposed, and which has been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, of having its trade diverted into another channel, may not be so imminent as the Chairman of the National Bank of China seems to think, but it undoubtedly exists, and it will be reassuring to learn, from official sources, that arrangements have really been made to actually commence work on this line of railway. We do not care to know that the concessionaries are waking up, or that they are ashamed of inaction, or that they are hopeful of getting some subsidy, or that they expect to form a company, or even that they are thinking of making a fresh or final survey; we want to see some proof of actual work, or intention to work. It is not sufficient to be told that they are alive to the situation; they should have been alive years ago and ready to proceed with the enterprise for which they had been fortunate enough to secure the concession. We have good hopes that the British authorities are now on the alert, that the efforts of Sir HENRY BLAKE and Mr. F. H. MAR have been effective, and that Downing Street will not allow the matter to rest any longer. The China Association has also, we understand, taken up the question, and the Press both of this Colony and of London should see that the agitation shall go on until the first sod is cut, and thereafter watch with the liveliest interest the progress of the work. The public do not of course need to

be told that railways cannot be built in a night, or that natural obstructions such as hills and rivers can be tunnelled or bridged in a few months. There are, however, such things as reasonable progress and long drawn out delay. What we want to see is proper expedition, the best progress that good and energetic engineers and sufficient capital are capable of making. Anything short of this will be less than the Colony expects, and it will be entitled to grumble at any avoidable delay.

"we shall not go back on our ancient policy; but we do want that competition to be on even terms." It seems to us that Hongkong's contention is eminently reasonable, and certainly not deserving of the sneers even of the most ardent of Free-traders. In Hongkong, however shortsighted we might be, we are forced to see how British trade and shipping suffer from the bounties and tariffs of other nations. The glamour of Free Trade, as pictured by the old school of politicians, has long ceased to charm our eyes. We do not want to "build walls up" round the Island—to use the absurd catch-phrase—but we do want to be able to compete with outsiders on fair terms. In fact, we want to be protected. And that is why the local branch of the China Association and the British community of Hongkong in general have declared in favour of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's policy.

The P. & T. Times of the 23rd ult. reports ice 13 1/10 in, thick at Tsingtao.

The U.S. fleet, under Admiral Evans, who remains on the Pacific station, is expected at Chefoo for evolution unusually early this year.

Viceroy Yuan Shikai has consented at last to send a detachment of a hundred soldiers to Seoul to serve as a guard for the Chinese Legation there.

The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Commissioner of Weihsien, accompanied by Mrs. Lockhart, arrived in Shanghai on the 29th ult. by the C. N. S. *Shengking*.

A Bill has been passed in Manila making the rate of exchange 1 peso and 10 centavos for 1 Centavo dollar, or 2 pesos 20 centavos for 1 U.S. dollar. This Bill was to take effect from the 29th ult.

The Yorkshire, Canton Fire, and Hongkong Fire Insurance companies on the 20th ult. deposited 100,000 yen each with the Japanese Department of Agriculture and Commerce, through the Kencho.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Opium Guild ... \$125

Oil Guild ... 50

Another new steamer will soon be put on the Hongkong-Canton run to deal with the increased passenger and cargo traffic on the Pearl River. The new vessel is called the *Kuang Tung*, and was launched on Tuesday night from Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co.'s yard at Kowloon Bay. She is a sister ship to the *Kuang Chow*, which was also built by Messrs. Bailey. No invitations were issued to the public, but a party of friends of the owners and the shipbuilders were there to witness the ceremony. The *Kuang Tung* was launched complete with machinery and boilers in place, and will run her official trials within the next week. Her owners are the Yuen On Steamship Co., of which Mr. Chau Siu-ki is the managing director.

Count Ballestrem, when proposing the health of the Kaiser at the banquet given on the occasion of the Imperial birthday at the Reichstag on the 27th ult., referred to the conversation which he had with the Kaiser some weeks ago, when the presidents of the Reichstag were received in audience by the Emperor. He said the Kaiser had told them that he was himself for two months uncertain in regard to the character of his sickness. But he deferred the operation until there was an opportunity to welcome the Tsar. He laid great stress on leaving to his son at least pleasant relations with Germany's neighbours in case that the sickness should be of a malignant character. The sickness, however, has fortunately proved to be of an entirely non-malignant character.

#### THE MASONIC QUADRILLE CLUB.

Last night another most successful dance took place in the Masonic Hall, under the auspices of the Masonic Quadrille Club, of which Mr. H. Wolfe is president, and the function, despite the fact that there was a Ball at Government House on the same evening, was largely attended, the condition of the door, which was perfect, the music, and the arrangement of the programme, doing great credit to the committee and all concerned, and it was with great regret that the last stragglers left, knowing it was the last public function of the season to take place in the hospitable Masonic Hall.

#### THEFT IN SOKUNPO VALLEY.

Thieves have been at work on the iron-piping which conveys water from the Sokunpo Valley to the Chine Sugar Refinery (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), with the result that the water-supply from this source has been cut off. The pipes have been截断 so that the thieves could get at some lead-soldering, which they carried off. They also interfered with the valves at the supply-tank and stole some of the fittings from there. All the material they carried off was worth only some \$4 or \$5, but the damage resulting from their operations amounts to something like \$500. The water from the disjoined pipe is flowing into the Chinese cemetery in the valley, and

#### TELEGRAMS.

##### "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

##### THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

SINGAPORE, 3rd February, 2.20 p.m.

##### THE JAPANESE CRUISERS—KOBE'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH OFFICERS.

The two new Japanese cruisers *Nisshin* and *Kasuga* sail for Japan to-day, and are expected to reach Yokohama on the 23rd inst. The British officers on board have received a cable from the Mayor and citizens of Kobe, extending a hearty welcome to them.

##### REUTER'S SERVICE.

##### JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, 1st February.

It is reported that in the event of a Russo-Japanese war, the command of the Russian land forces will be entrusted to General Kurogatkin.

LATER.

A Japanese official in London, who is acquainted with all the details of the negotiations, in an interview with Reuter's representative, said that Japan was determined to insist on a binding written assurance in reference to Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria. Japan might agree to modifications on other points; but without this, no matter what other concessions were made, she would break off negotiations and peace was impossible.

##### THE SITUATION IN MACEDONIA.

LONDON, 1st February.

The Macedonian situation appears to be entering on a more acute phase, and it is reported that the relations between Hilmi Pasha and the Assessors are the reverse of cordial.

##### ANGLO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.

LONDON, 1st February.

An Anglo-Italian Arbitration Convention has been signed.

##### CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 2nd February.

##### ANTI-FOREIGN PLACARD.

The following is a translation of one of the placards that have been posted up in the streets of Canton threatening to attack Shamian and kill all foreigners here:

"Ever since Shaw (the Viceroy) came to Kwangtung the poor have become poorer day by day. At first he promised to do away with all taxation, but afterwards he increased it still more heavily. He extorts from and fines the rich, and discovers capitalistic amongst the foreigners to buy rice and export it to foreign countries purposely to injure the poor. At present there is no alternative but to kill the foreign worms and destroy Shamian for the protection of Canton. The 19th (Chinese Calendar) is the day fixed. Anyone that has courage, come and join us. Our brethren, when you come, divide your soldiers. One detachment will attack Shamian and kill all foreigners; leave not a single blade of grass untouched! We, your brethren, have already come to Canton. Those mandarin dogs have given us sufficient public provocation, and everyone hates them intensely."

In view of this sort of inflammatory placard the Chinese officials have sent a few guard-boats to anchor in the canal opposite Shamian for its protection, although there is no sign of anything unusual and no cause for fear. It is customary that at the end of every Chinese year some rascals spread some such wild rumour to excite the populace.

##### DISASTER ON THE U.S. CRUISER "ALBANY."

Details of a disaster on the U.S. cruiser *Albany* are to hand. According to these the six-inch automatic Colt rifle did not explode while in use. The first firing was by the gun of the secondary battery, and it was in this that the accident occurred. One of the after Colt guns had completed its practice, was unshipped from its mount, and laid on the deck for the purpose of cleaning, with the breech of the gun still closed. Suddenly a report rang out, and a shell from the muzzle of the gun ranged aft and ploughed into a group of men standing there. One man had the whole lower part of one leg torn away and the other leg terribly shattered, two others had their leg-bones splintered, and a fourth received severe flesh-wounds. As soon as the accident occurred, the *Albany* started for Cavite, and the wounded men were carried ashore and placed in the Cavite naval hospital. One of the injured men is in a critical condition and is hardly expected to recover.

His Lordship after hearing counsel and witnesses, granted the petition, with costs.

##### THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

In spite of the absence of any fresh news in the early part of yesterday, the war, whether impending or not, was the main topic of conversation in the Colony yesterday. Fuel was added to the flames by the fact that three local residents engaged in journalistic work were stated either to have left or to be leaving at once for the North in the capacity of war correspondents. As a matter of fact, one did actually leave on the a.s. *Empire*—Mr. W. H. Donald, sub-editor, *China Mail*. It may be remarked that, if there is to be war, correspondents cannot expect the facilities of previous campaigns in China. The Russians are not allowing any foreign correspondents to attend their forces military or naval, and it can hardly be anticipated that Japan will welcome the crowd of writers anxious to watch and describe her movements.

It is now stated that the transport *Dikoro* will not herself return to Hongkong, but will continue homeward with the women, children, and invalids. The troops and officers on board, however, will come back to Hongkong at once. It is expected that our garrisons in the North will be strengthened immediately in event of war breaking out; hence it is necessary to have a surplus in Hongkong to avoid a large depletion of the local garrison.

In view of the continued delay in the despatch of the Russian Note and the consequently protracted uncertainty, we see that the *Kobe Chronicle* of the 27th ult. wrote:—Considerable indignation seems to be growing in the country with regard to the delay which the Government shows in taking a decided step one way or the other. In the opinion of many Japanese business men the present deadlock has lasted too long, and is doing most serious harm to commercial and financial interests as well as to Japan's prestige.

An *Ostasatichesche Lloyd* telegram from Berlin says:—It has only been notified to-day (the 28th ult.) that the conference, presided over by the Tsar in S. Petersburg, will take place for the purpose of drafting the reply to be given to Japan. All reports regard to this answer are therefore spurious. The disposition of both the Tsar and Count Lansdowne is entirely of a peaceful nature. Russia prefers, in all circumstances, a peaceful understanding with Japan rather than any other policy in the Far East.

##### SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 3rd February.

##### IN PROBATE JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

A FORGED WILL.

In Ho Kam, alias Ho Nai Kam, against Ho Nai Cheong, plaintiff, prayed to have the letters of administration with the will annexed of the pretended will of Ho Lin Shing, his father, deceased, dated 12th July, 1903, revoked and the will declared null and void; and to have letters of administration granted to him. Hon. H. E. Fellock, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. E. Harding, of Messrs. Ewens and Harston, solicitors), appeared for the plaintiff.

It appeared that the father of the plaintiff, Ho Lin Shing, died intestate on 12th October, 1899, on board the a.s. *Konghing* on his way to Canton. Letters of administration were granted to his widow, Lan Shi, in Macao. Ho Lin Shing left property in Hongkong, namely the Yee Wo pawnshop in Hollywood Road, and no administration was applied for. Plaintiff with his son, Mr. G. Blood, Mr. N. S. Brown, Major and Mrs. Benson, Major and Mrs. Bryan, Miss W. Bateman, Miss W. Bateman, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Murray Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browne, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beck, Mr. Alfred Bryer, Gen. and Mrs. Bragg, Mr. and Miss Bird, Mr. J. H. W. Becke, Mr. F. B. Bowley, Mr. Hart Buck, Mrs. Wesley Brown, Mr. A. Babington, Mr. G. Blood, Mr. N. S. Brown, Major and Mrs. Benson, Major and Mrs. Bryan, Miss W. and Miss A. M. Bateman, Mr. J. D. Butterworth, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Mr. John Barton, Mr. L. H. Besom, Capt. and Mrs. Britton, Miss Blair, Mr. G. Hall Bruton, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Mr. P. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Boloyoko, Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Banbury, Mr. W. C. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Monteith Black, Miss Barr, Mr. B. S. Browne, Mr. N. W. Benton, Miss Bachelor, Mr. C. H. Blasius, Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Capt. O. de B. Brock, Et. Rev. C. H. Brent, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Barretto, Mr. A. E. Blanco, Mr. Edgar A. Bonner, Miss Crown, Hon. W. Chatham, Mr. Chong Sze Kai, Mr. Chan Siu Ki, Mr. T. P. Coolman, Mr. E. A. Carvalho, Major and Mrs. Chapman, Major and Mrs. Chichester, Mr. W. G. Clarke, Mr. A. H. Crook, Mr. C. Clementi, Mr. R. H. Crofton, Mr. Chan Pan Po, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Craddock, Miss Carden, Mr. C. Paul Chater, Capt. and Mrs. Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Chapman, Miss E. S. Cooke, Major and Mrs. Caulfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Campbell, H. B. M. Consulate at Canton, Mr. and Mrs. de Champoux, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Caldwell, Mr. Alec Cowland, Mr. Alfred Cunningham, Sir Paul Chater, C. M. G., Lieut. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. R. Cooke, Mr. James H. Cosey, Mr. Mrs., and Miss Cooke, Mrs. Crowley, Mr. Chin Yam Chin, Mr. Chan Wing Ta, Mr. Chan Wei, Mr. Charles Colson, C.B., the Bishop of Caledonia (British Columbia), Mr. Chu Keung Wan, Mr. Chan Pin Kai, Mr. Chan U Teng, Mr. Chiu Chau Sam, Mr. Chan Wok-ho, Mrs. A. R. and Miss Cowden, Mr. H. F. Chard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Donison, Mr. J. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickson, Surgeon L. E. Dartnell, Mr. E. E. Deacon, Commander and Mrs. Dawa, Capt. and Mrs. F. G. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Drayton, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. T. Trenchard Davies, Deputy-Inspector-General and Mrs. Drew, Mr. F. B. Deacon, Miss Dawa, Mr. and Mrs. Dobcock, Mr. J. T. Davies, Dr. and Mrs. Dobcock, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellis, Miss Eye, Mr. G. H. Edwards, Mr. H. Figg, Miss Fung Wa Ching, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Figg, Miss Franklin, Capt. and Mrs. Fitzwilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forbes, Col. and Mrs. Ferrier, Major G. A. French, Mr. E. Finch, Mr. H. G. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fraser, Mr. G. F. F. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Fuchs, Capt. and Mrs. Foote, Mr. R. Fuhrmann, Mr. Fung, Sci. Tseung, Mr. Fung Teung Pak, Mrs. and Miss H. S. Fletcher, Mr. Arthur Franklin, Mr. Le Vicente Maximilian Foy, Sir W. M. Lady, and the Misses Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gomperts, Mr. J. Goossan, Mr. A. W. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gedde, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gedde, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gedde, Miss Gorham, Miss G. Gibbs, Dr. and Mrs. Maclean Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. G. Graham, Mr. T. C. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gros, Miss Golding, Miss F. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Grace, Dr. Alice Grace, and Mrs. Warburton Grey, Mr. Phillips

##### BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Last night Government House was the scene of a Ball given by H.E. Mr. May, C.M.G., the Officer Administering the Colony, and Mrs. May. At 9.30 p.m. the host and hostess began to receive their visitors, and from that time onward steady stream continued to arrive. Dancing commenced at 9.45 o'clock, there being one Extra before the regular programme. The latter was as follows:

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| 1. Valse.    | 8. Valse. |
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| 3. Lanciers. | 10. Two   |

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After prayer the Rev. E. J. Barnett read the report.—The first year's work in S. Stephen's College is brought to a close. The difficulties and experimental processes inherent in a new undertaking have had their share in the past twelve months' work, but out of these have arisen much encouragement, pleasure, and no little success. Early in 1903 a provisional prospectus was issued of a new Anglo-Chinese college to be opened by the Church Missionary Society, which would offer to the sons of Chinese gentlemen an English education given altogether by English masters upon the lines of high class English schools. Accordingly, on February 23rd, we began work with six boarders and one day pupil. In less than a fortnight our numbers had doubled, and at the end of the first half year we had twenty-six under instruction. The names of sixteen more were added during the last half, and we close with a roll-call of thirty-two. We have not sought numbers. The high fees have been prohibitive in many instances; but we have felt that an educational institution of this character should be self-supporting, while its efficiency both in staff and work should be beyond question. It mattered not what purpose money was wanted whether for playground, for sports, or for prizes, the same cheerful readiness to support us has always been manifested. His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, in company with the Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, was pleased to visit the College before he left Hongkong, and to express himself pleased with what he saw. This school for the better classes of Chinese has been established by private enterprise. His Excellency considered that S. Stephen's College would meet the present additional educational requirement of the Colony. We trust therefore that our Chinese friends will in concert with the College Council soon devise some means for strengthening our foundations and rendering more effective our teaching power. The subjects that have been taught in the classes during the year now closing comprise the following:—English language and grammar; composition and letter-writing; reading and dictation, writing and drawing; with lessons on common objects geography, and the history of the Middle Kingdom; arithmetic and algebra; Chinese, translation, and the Holy Scriptures. During the first half year Mr. A. B. Mackenzie and Miss Fletcher (who kindly placed some hours daily at the disposal of the College Council) rendered untiring service in the several classes. After the summer vacation we had the additional good fortune to secure the services of Mr. J. Lewis Byrne, M.A., who in Great Britain, Canada and Australia had gained much experience and success in educational work. Such a staff of teachers seems to be out of all proportion to the number of scholars attending classes, but two considerations must be kept in view: first, though the pupils attending at one time through the year have never exceeded thirty-five, their standards of proficiency have varied greatly from the beginning; and, secondly, we have been working not for this year alone but for the future. Meanwhile, students have enjoyed the benefit of small classes and additional individual attention.

Some of our students, especially the older ones, may not disregard the social claims that sometimes call them from their studies. But let us be more watchful that only absolutely necessary calls distract the scholar from taking his regular place in class. A clever boy was an easy first in several subjects for three-fourths of the year. During the last term his attendance, for family reasons, has been erratic, with the disappointing result that he has altogether lost his premier position in the final examination. This is but one case out of several. There are two features of our work which call for special mention. The Chinese student of English meets with peculiar difficulties both in pronunciation and in idiom. In order to meet these needs we employ only English masters for English subjects, and insist that all teaching shall be imparted in the English tongue, except occasionally when Chinese is used for explanation, more particularly in the earlier stages. This may appear at first sight to be the slower method, but experience proves that the constant use of English in imparting instruction is in itself a continual lesson in conversation; and without great effort the ears of the pupils become familiarised with the most common sounds, and progress is centred on more natural lines and with more gratifying results. Another special help is in the weekly written examination which is held every Saturday morning on one or other of the class subjects. Not only does this secure the frequent revision of each subject by the student, but it requires him to be able to put into writing what he has been learning, and is as helpful in its way for composition as the class work is for conversation. For beginners this is a hard task, but the excellent results obtained during the past year are the best justification for the practice. At the end of each half year the students' knowledge of the ground

covered during the preceding period is further tested by more searching examinations. These are all carefully corrected, marked and returned, that the same kind of mistakes may not be repeated in future work. Many of our students, before they entered College, spent long years in the study of the native tongue and literature, and in some cases they have been successful in Chinese literary examinations. Such are not prosecuting their Chinese studies, except so far as they are used in translation. For others, who have not yet acquired a working knowledge of Chinese characters, classes have been formed under the instruction of Mr. Ng Tin Po, who joined the teaching staff after the summer holidays, bringing with him experience in tuition and the modern method in teaching and utilising the characters when learned. Something has been attempted in physical training and sports, but no great efficiency has yet been attained in this necessary branch of an all-round education. During the first half year, daily exercises were maintained, but for the past few months the work has been suspended, mainly for lack of suitable accommodation. Indeed, one of our urgent needs is a gymnasium and common play-room, and until this is obtained we shall be hampered in all that makes for the development of a well proportioned physique. Our task, however, would be but poorly done did we neglect that character-building which is essential to the highest good of the individual and the community. We would not be satisfied simply to instruct our scholars; we want to educate them in the fullest sense of the term. For this reason we announced at the first that we were opening a Christian College to be as thorough in every department as circumstances will permit with a daily lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

There is but one other matter: the prizes have been generously provided by the following kind donors: The Right Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, Mr. Barnett, Mr. J. L. Byrne, Dr. Po Kai, Messrs. S. W. Tso, Chan Hewan, Hui Shun Chuen, Tso Tsui Kai, Yip Shang Hing, Wong Ue Lam, Lo Cho San, Chan Chi-ung, Wei Woh See, Wei On, Yip San Chi, Yau Shui, Fung Ku Shau, Chan King Ting, Lo Po Shan and Teo Hong Lim. We are grateful indeed for this kind help, and especially for the most sympathetic manner in which the prize fund has been raised. How to obtain suitable prizes was harder task to face than getting the money for their purchase. We decided, however, not to give jewellery, but to follow the English custom of presenting books, and we have made the best selection possible from the limited supply to be found in Hongkong. Each reward represents a large amount of steady work on the part of the recipient and is a guarantee of progress, the pride of place having been decided by the weekly and the final examinations. The number of successful competitors has been lessened through the absence of some who found the attractions of the approaching New Year too powerful to withstand. We are sure that those scholars who have remained for speech day will enjoy their holiday all the more for having done their classes with regularity (applause).

BISHOP HOARE said he was sure he was speaking for all present in thanking H.E. for his attendance, especially as, as he had seen by the papers, H.E. was so busy. It showed that H.E. was in sympathy with them.

M. BARNETT said, with reference to his Excellency's remark that English history seemed to be missing from the school's curriculum, that he found that most of the boys showed a lamentable lack of knowledge of their own country's history, and that he decided to give them six months' tuition in their own country's history, before giving them a course of English history. An amount of history however, had been imparted with the assistance of a map of the Empire.

Three cheers were given for H.E.; three for the Bishop; and three for the head-master.

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The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

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Pressure is highest over N. China. Gradients are moderate with fresh monsoon over the Formosa Channel, and strong monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

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By Order,

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [369]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

MEMBERS and the Public are informed that the authorised version of the RACE BOOK is the one issued by Messrs. NORONHA & CO., which is on Sale at their Office and may also be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH and W. BREWER & CO.'s Establishments.

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1904. [357]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [242]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [243]

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A EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the above CLUB will be held in the PAVILION, on TUESDAY, the 9th FEBRUARY, at 5 P.M.

BUSINESS.—To discuss the recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of a New Pavilion.  
By Order,

A. G. WARD,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [412]

## FOR SALE.

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Amoy, 20th January, 1904. [321]

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TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [407]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the KAM TAI TAI FIRM, Merchants, to Sell by Public Auction

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Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [413]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [408]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

SHEWELL, TOMES & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [272]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd JANUARY, to the 6th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. ARNOLD,  
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Hongkong, 18th January, 1904. [258]

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Y's hand is now dead.

9 ACK, Y3, B9, Z10-XY4, AB5

10 AC4, Y5, B10, ZH4-XY4, AB6

11 AH5, Y5, B10, ZH4-XY4, AB7

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The following is a hand played recently in Hongkong. It is interesting not as an example of good play, but as showing how a generally good player may lose his head if his preconceived plan of campaign be thrown out by extraordinary combinations of cards. Y is certainly one of the strongest players in the Colony; and Z usually plays a good game. A for some reason supposed that the heart Ace was on his left—not that his play was much altered on this account; but that was the only reason (if reason it were) that he played his King. Z knowing that Y discards usually from strength was contrary to all reason (as he held Ace J himself and saw Q on the table) convinced that Y's discard was from strength in hearts! On what then did A declare no trump? Nothing can be said in defence of A or Z, but the play simply goes to show that players who are usually good may sometimes play very badly indeed.

Score, A B 16, Y Z 8. A declares No Trumps.

B (dummy)  
H, Q 9 6  
D, A K 10 9 8  
C, 7 5 2  
S, 3

Y  
H, 10 8  
D, 6  
C, A Q 3  
S, K 10 9 8 7 6 5

Z  
H, A J 8 4  
D, Q 5 4 3 2  
C, 10 9 6  
S, J

A (deals)  
H, K 7 5 3  
D, 7  
C, K J 8 4  
S, A Q 4 2

Trick 1. Y S 10, B3, Z J, A Q.

We think that this is A's first error. Z would hardly have played the J if he had any more spades, and as dummy has only one, Y must have seven. Z could not return a spade and naturally should lead up to dummy's weakness—clubs—but—

Trick 2. A D 7, Y 8, R8, Z 2.

This is altogether extraordinary. Y holding five diamonds sees six in dummy, one being played by A and one by Y. Dummy might make a trick or even two in diamonds at the end of the game, but here if A will take advantage of his opportunity he can make three. He makes the ace, thus—

Trick 3. B D 8 1, Z Q, A C 6, Y H 2.

Y generally discards from strength, but expecting dummy to go on with diamonds he will be able to discard the H 10 and then show that his discard must be from weakness.

Trick 4. B D 8 1, Z Q, A C 6, Y H 10.

Absolutely unfathomable, us is Z's lead—

Trick 5. Z H 4, A K 11, Y C 3, B 6.

Here Z gives dummy the chance of making all his remaining diamonds and the King of hearts, but A had got it into his head that the heart Ace was on his left, and resorted to the remarkable expedient of playing his King to force it out. Y must have played the Ace under the circumstances to keep dummy out, but A's chance is gone. He has to lead up to force dummy's weakness, or to Z's tenace in hearts.

Trick 6. A C 7, Y Q, B 2, Z 6.

This makes Y's spades safe, for—

Trick 7. Y S 9; B C 5, Z H 8, A Ace.

It makes no difference now what A leads. If a heart, Z makes his Ace J; if a club, Y takes with the Ace and makes his five remaining spades. Y Z make two tricks and the game.

In this game Z played as incorrectly as A. In our opinion he should have taken the first diamond trick and have led clubs, always holding up the Ace of hearts to beat the Queen and thus killing dummy's hand.

A ran a great risk to begin with in finessing the diamond for even Queen alone on dummy's left or Queen and three others on dummy's right must kill the hand if pone holds heart Ace.

The following occurs to us to be the best way for A to have played this hand:—

Trick 1 Y S 10, B 3, Z J, A 2-XY 1, AB 9

2 Z C 9, AJ, YQ, B 2-XY 2, AB 0

3 Y S 9, BC 5, ZD 2, AQ-XY 2, AB 1

4 AD 7, Y 6, B Ace, Z 3-XY 2, AB 2

5 BD 2, ZQ, AH 3, YH 2-XY 2, AB 3

6 BDJ, ZQ, AH 3, YH 10-XY 3, AB 3

to throw the lead in Z's hand and establish diamonds as dummy may get in again with heart Queen.

7 Z C 6, A 8, Y Ace, B 7-XY 4, AB 3

8 Y SS, BDS, ZD 5, A Ace-XY 4, AB 4

Y's hand is now dead.

9 ACK, Y 3, B 9, Z 10-XY 4, AB 5

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON, THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, FERIBIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"MALTA," Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1904. [1]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), CALLING AT SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE AND ADEIACTIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA."

Captain Damianovich, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 23rd February, 1904.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER &amp; CO., Agents.

Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1904. [209]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the C...

... Crew of the following Vessels our stay in Hongkong Harbour—

LOTTHAII, Italian barque, Schiavino-Lawlowitz &amp; Co.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1904. [1]

REGULAR  
STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK,  
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL  
(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE  
PORTS).

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,

1903. About

"SIK" ..... 5th Feb.

"MACDUFF" ..... 1st Mar.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWEll &amp; CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [1125]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE  
ITALIANA.  
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

## STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGA-

PORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Stea-

mers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA,

also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITER-

ANEAN, ADEIACTIC, LEVANTINE and

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALDAO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN

GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA,

VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and

MALAGA.)

## TIME Steamship

"CAPRI."

Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in

Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [4]

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PINGSUEY."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being

discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both

cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo

will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown

on and after the 29th instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be

presented to the Undersigned on or before the

11th prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1904. [10.11]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED,AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"MOYUNE."

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being

discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the

Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon

Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both

cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo

will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown

on and after the 30th instant.

Optimal cargo will be landed, unless notice

has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined at 11 A.M. on the 5th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will

be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## PARCEL POST TO MANILA.

Parcels are now received at this office for transmission to Manila. The same regulations as to weight limit, packaging, etc., etc., will apply as is at present in vogue for parcels to America direct. Books containing stamps of the following denominations may be obtained at the counter of General Post Office for \$1.00:

Each— 10 stamps at 4 cents  
12 " " 2 "  
12 " " 1 "

Letters and Post cards are now received for transmission to Europe via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway, and should be marked accordingly. No Printed matter can be accepted. Unpaid or unpaid correspondence cannot be forwarded. The Rates of Postage by this route will be the same as at present via the Suez Canal.

Letters intended to go by this route should be posted not later than the Wednesday in each week, so as to catch the fast Russian Boat from Shanghai to Dalny which leaves Shanghai on Saturday, the 28th ult., at 2 p.m., and

The steamer, with the German mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 30th ult., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Australian, with the French mail of 8th ult., left Singapore on Monday, the 1st inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 8th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 6th December.

## MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		
Bangkok		
Saigon		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		
Macao		
Shanghai		
Amoy		
Shantung		
Kwangtung, Kuancheuk and Samshui		
Kwangtung, Kuancheuk and Samshui		
Namao		
Sambus		
Macau		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		
Canton		
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui		
Bangkok		
Canton		
Manila		
Singapore and Sourabaya		
Quingpu and Shanghai		
Canton		
Amoy, Swatow, Straits and Rangoon		
EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin.....		
(also Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents).....		
(Letters posted in the Pink Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail).....		
Yokohama and Kobe		
Yokohama, Kobe and Tsintaw		
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents).....		

## TO-DAY.

Sale, Japanese Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.

## TO-MORROW.

Sale, Rio, H. & K. Wharf and Godown Co., Godowns, West Point, Messrs. Hughes & Co., Hongkong, noon.

## COMMERCIAL.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

3rd February.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.91<sup>2</sup>  
Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>  
C bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>  
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ..... 1.04<sup>2</sup>

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2.90<sup>2</sup>  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 2.34<sup>2</sup>

ON GERMANY.— On demand ..... 1.87<sup>2</sup>

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4.41<sup>2</sup>  
Credits, 60 days' sight ..... 4.51<sup>2</sup>

ON BOMBAY.— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.35<sup>2</sup>  
Bank, on demand ..... 1.35<sup>2</sup>

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer ..... 1.35<sup>2</sup>  
Bank, on demand ..... 1.35<sup>2</sup>

ON SHANGHAI.— Bank, at sight ..... 7.1<sup>2</sup>

Private, 30 days' sight ..... 7.2<sup>2</sup>

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand ..... 9.01<sup>2</sup>

ON MAFIA.— On demand ..... Nominal

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand ..... Nominal

ON BATAVIA.— On demand ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>

ON HAIPHONG.— On demand ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>

ON SAIGON.— On demand ..... 1.10<sup>2</sup>

ON BANGKOK.— Under demand ..... 62<sup>2</sup>

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate ..... 10.95<sup>2</sup>

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ..... 57.75<sup>2</sup>

BAL SILVER, per oz. ..... 26<sup>2</sup>

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Seydlitz* left Singapore on the 30th ult., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 2 p.m.

## THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Australasia*, with the outward French Mail left Singapore on the 1st inst., at 10 a.m.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Catherine Anne* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., a.m.

The Indo-China steamer *Nansung* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 30th ult., and may be expected here on the 16th inst.

## THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Captain* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 15th inst.

## THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 25th ult., p.m., via the usual ports of call.

## MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Asi Maru* (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 1st inst., and is expected here to-day.

The N.G.I. steamer *Capri* left Singapore for this port on the 29th ult., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The C.N. steamer *Changsha*, from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 26th ult., and is expected here to-morrow.

The P. & O. steamer *Borneo* left Singapore on the 2nd inst., p.m., and is due here on the 6th inst., a.m.

The H.A.L. steamer *Andalusia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 31st ult., and may be expected here on the 7th inst.

The C.J.C. Line steamer *Titanicus*, left Macassar for this port on the 31st ult., and may be expected here on the 8th inst.

The Mogul Line steamer *Mogul* left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 30th ult.

The N.P. steamer *Olympia* left Kobe for Moji and this port on the 2nd inst.

The H.A.M. steamer *Bomberg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 9th inst.

Printed Matter and Samples ..... 10.00 A.M.  
Registration ..... 10.00 A.M.  
Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)

## JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 3rd February.

## PAID UP. QUOTATIONS.

COMPANY	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shai.	\$125	£145.
		London 402.
Natl. Bank of China.	28	£33, ex div., buy.
A. Shares .....	28	£33, ex div., buy.
B. Shares .....	21	£33, sellers
Four Shares .....	21	£33, sellers
Brit. Asbestos E. A.	10	£10, nominal
Canton-Hongkong Ice.	10	£10, nominal
Campbell, Macmillan & Co.	12	£30.
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	12	£32.
China Light and Power Co., Ltd. ....	10	£35.
China Prov. L. & M.	10	£39, sellers
China Sugar .....	10	£39, sellers
Cigar Companies .....	10	£30.
Alabama, Ltd. ....	10	£10, buyers
Philippines Co., Ltd. ....	10	£10, buyers
Cotton Mills .....	10	£10, buyers
Euro. ....	10	£10, Th. 33, sellers
International ....	10	£10, Th. 35.
Lau Lung Mow .....	10	£10, Th. 35.
Schoyee .....	10	£10, Th. 170.
Hongkong ....	10	£14, sellers
Bury Farm & Co., Goo.	20	£60.
Green Island Cement .....	10	£140, buyers
Hongkong & G. Gas.	10	£12, sellers
Hongkong Electric .....	10	£7, sellers
H. H. L. Traunways .....	10	£60.
Hk. Steam. Water. Heat Co., Ltd. ....	10	£16, buyers
Hongkong Hotel .....	10	£16, sales
Hongkong Ice .....	10	£20, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	10	£5, buyers
Hongkong Express .....	10	£145, buyers
J. & W. Dock .....	10	£208.
Canton .....	10	175, sellers
China Fire .....	10	£62, sales
China Traders .....	10	£60, sellers
Hongkong Fire .....	10	£300, buyers
North China .....	10	£18, 60.
Union .....	10	£10, 90, sales & sell.
Yangtze .....	10	£135.
Land and Building .....	10	£160, ex div., sell.
Hongkong Land Inv. ....	10	£160, ex div., sell.
Humphreys E. ....	10	£11, sellers
Kowloon Land & B. West Point Building .....	10	£30, 90, sellers
Shanghai Land .....	10	£10, sellers
Mining .....	Fe. 250	£100, sellers
Charbonnages .....	10	£1, sellers
Punjabi .....	10	26cts.
Do. Preference .....	10	£6, sellers
Baubs .....	10	£38, sellers
New Army Dock .....	10	£60, buyers
Powell, Ltd. ....	10	£100.
Steamship Cos. ....	10	£20.
China and Manlia .....	10	£20.
Bougies Steamship Co. ....	10	£30, buyers
H. Canton and M. ....	10	£31, sellers
Inte-China S. N. ....	10	£75, buyers
Sail & Transport Co. ....	10	£20, ex div., buy.
Trading Co. ....	10	£10, nominal
Do. Preference .....	10	£80, sellers
Star Ferry .....	10	£10, sellers
S.C.E. Boyd & Co., Ltd. ....	10	£127, sales
S. & H. Dyeing & Co., Ltd. ....	10	£50.
Tsbrau Planting Co. ....	10	£6, nominal
United Asbestos .....	10	£8.
Do. ....	10	£210, buyers
Watson, Ltd. ....	10	£75, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S. ....	10	£14, sales

## OPIUM.

26th January.  
Quotations are:—

"A" now £ net, to 1 catty.

Malva New ..... £930 to £950 per picul

Malva Old ..... £970 to £990

Malva Older ..... £1010 to £1030

Malva V. Old ..... £1050 to £1070

Persian fine quality ..... £910 to —

Persian extra fine ..... £920 to —

Patai New ..... £1300 to — per chewt.

Patai Old ..... £1297 to —

Banares New ..... £1297 to —

Banares Old ..... — to —

## THE WEATHER.

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

2nd FEBRUARY, P.M.